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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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1. (Original) A carrying system for carrying a portable item of equipment, said system comprising:
 - a cord forming a loop; and
 - a member on the loop, retaining two strands of the cord to form a closed loop defining an aperture;wherein the member is provided with first retaining means suitable for retaining a portion of the closed loop, so as to form a closed double loop, thereby reducing the aperture.
 2. (Original) The carrying system of claim 1, wherein the first retaining means comprise a catch provided with a groove of width less than the cross-sectional width of the cord.
 3. (Original) The carrying system of claim 1, further comprising second retaining means, the cord co-operating with the second retaining means to form the closed loop.
 4. (Original) The carrying system of claim 3, wherein at least one strand of the cord is mounted to slide relative to the second retaining means.

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5. (Original) The carrying system of claim 4, wherein the member has locking means for preventing said strand of the cord from sliding.

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6. (Original) The carrying system of claim 5, wherein the member is provided with a passageway of cross-section suitable for preventing said strand of the cord from sliding when a force less than a predetermined force is applied to the cord.

7. (Original) The carrying system of claim 6, wherein the cross-section of the passageway is smaller than the cross-section of said strand of the cord.

8. (Original) The carrying system of claim 1, wherein the member has a fastening suitable for retaining a portable item of equipment.

9. (Original) The carrying system of claim 8, wherein the fastening comprises:

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a second cord portion opposite from the loop; and

a part fixed to the second cord portion to form a fastening loop for fastening to a portable item of equipment.

10. (Original) The carrying system according to claim 1, wherein the cord has a length greater than about 40 cm.

11. (New) A carrying system for carrying a portable item of equipment, said system comprising:

a cord forming a loop; and

a1 a member on the loop, retaining two strands of the cord to form a closed loop defining an aperture;

wherein the member is provided with a retainer which retains a portion of the closed loop, so as to form a closed double loop, thereby reducing the aperture.

12. (New) The carrying system of claim 11, wherein the retainer comprises a catch provided with a groove of width less than the cross-sectional width of the cord.

13. (New) The carrying system of claim 11, further comprising a second retainer, the cord co-operating with said second retainer to form the closed loop.

14. (New) The carrying system of claim 13, wherein at least one strand of the cord is mounted to slide relative to the second retainer.

15. (New) The carrying system of claim 14, wherein the member has a lock which prevents said strand of the cord from sliding.

16. (New) The carrying system of claim 15, wherein the member is provided with a passageway of cross-section suitable for preventing said strand of the cord from sliding when a force less than a predetermined force is applied to the cord.

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17. (New) The carrying system of claim 16, wherein the cross-section of the passageway is smaller than the cross-section of said strand of the cord.

18. (New) The carrying system of claim 11, wherein the member has a fastening suitable for retaining a portable item of equipment.

19. (New) The carrying system of claim 18, wherein the fastening comprises:
a second cord portion opposite from the loop; and
a part fixed to the second cord portion to form a fastening loop for fastening to a portable item of equipment.

20. (New) The carrying system according to claim 11, wherein the cord has a length greater than about 40 cm.
